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ABSTRACT

Data were collected from the American Council on Education's Cooperative Research Program Student Information Form, which, since 1966, has been gathering longitudinal information on students at a national sample of colleges and universities. The University of Maryland Baltimore County participated in this program for the first time in 1973. This comparative report describes the differences between the UMBC entering freshmen on the following variables: demographic characteristics, high school academic achievement, career plans, attitudes and life goals. Significant differences in career plans and academic achievement are attributed to the socioeconomic composition of the entering class at UMBC. Similarities in attitudes and life goals to the national norms are attributed to pervasive acculturation effects of the mass media. • (Author)

#### COMPARISON OF FALL 1973 UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND BALTIMORE COUNTY FRESHMEN

#### TO THE FRESHMEN NATIONAL NORMS ON THE A.C.E.

#### STUDENT INFORMATION FORM

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#### INTRODUCTION

. The data for this study came from the American Council on Education's Cooperative Institutional Research Program (CIRP), which, since 1966, has been gathering longitudinal data on students at a national sample of colleges and universities. UMBC participated in this program for the first time in 1973. The main objective of the CIRP is to assess the impact of different college environments on student's development. To carry out this objective, ACE uses three main mechanisms. First, largescale annual surveys of entering first-time freshmen at each of the participating institutions are conducted; these surveys provide information on student's characteristics at the time of college entry (entry data). Second, samples of the original participants are followed up periodically (e.g., at the end of the freshman year and four years after college entry); these follow-up surveys provide longitudinal information on student's characteristics after exposure to the college environment (output data). information is obtained on administrative policies, faculty, physical plant, social climate, and other characteristics of institutions; this information comprises the intervening variables.

#### THE VARIABLES

In the 6 years that the survey has been administered many of the questions have changed and so have some of the categories of responses. In each of the years a different weighting factor was applied to the cohort groups so that they would represent the total U.S. population of entering freshmen. Comparisons over time should be made with the greatest caution because of the sizes of the weighted N's. In the comparison of UMBC's 1973 response-percentages to other public universities the standard error is .5996 (i.e., in comparisons involving item response-percentages for independent norm groups or cohorts, the standard error of difference is approximately equal to the square root of the sum of the squared sampling errors).

#### DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS

The age data for the 968 UMBC students completing the survey indicate that the freshmen are starting their college careerimmediately following high-school graduation. We are enrolling a significantly larger proportion of minority students than is true of the national freshmen (Question 1). Our proximity to a large urban center and the availability of public transportation accounts partially for the difference; the national data indicates that the large state universities are located 100-500 miles from the students' homes whereas 90% of our students come from within 11-50 miles of our campus (Question 6). Over 3/4 of our students expected to reside at home (Question 16) while nationally the large majority reside in college dorms. A larger share of our students come from small families than do their counterparts nationally and a significantly higher proportion of our students are the first in their families to attend school (Question 17). Most of our freshmen, like most freshmen everywhere, held jobs during their last year in high school (Question 20).

Almost half of our students had both parents working during their high school years (Question 18, 19). median family income (Question 22) was \$10,000-\$13,000 for the freshmen class of 1967; it has since climbed to \$15,000-\$20,000. Half our students' fathers and 69% of their mothers had no education past a high school diploma; only 16% of their fathers and 8% of their mothers had a college education (Question 23,24). Almost two thirds of our students expressed concern (Question 26) over their ability to finance their undergraduate education. the beginning of the freshman year, over two thirds of our students expected to rely on earnings from part-time or summer work to finance their education. Almost 50% expected to draw on savings. Over 85% expected some financial support from their parents and almost 40% expected some form of financial aid from UMBC (Question 27).

#### ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS, CAREER PLANS, ATTITUDES AND LIFE GOALS

Nationally over 50% of the freshmen class had earned over a B+ average, while only 40% of our freshmen attained that level. We also had a significantly larger number of C students than was the case generally (Question 5).

Over half of our students applied to other colleges, besides UMBC, like their counterparts nationally. However, over a third of the UMBC students were unacceptable at any of the other colleges to which they applied, while nationally only a sixth of the students were not acceptable at more than one institution (Question 8). The most persistently mentioned influences affecting decisions to attend a particular college, both nationally and at UMBC, was the academic reputation of the institution, low tuition, and the specialization of its academic program (four times greater at UMBC than nationally). Our students also indicated that their desire to remain at home was a strong factor in their decision to attend UMBC.

Compared to national data, a significantly higher proportion of our students came to UMBC because their parents wanted them to come here. A significantly larger number of our students than others were influenced by their high school counselors in their choice of UMBC (Question 9). The number of our students planning to secure an undergraduate degree elsewhere is three times higher than the national average, perhaps because so many of our students intend to pursue careers as professionals; their choice of curricula leading to careers of that kind substantially exceeds the national proportions (Questions 10-13).

In consonance with the national norms, UMBC's freshmen were motivated to their career choices by an intrinsic interest in the field, and an altruistic desire to work with and be helpful to other people, and to make a contribution to society (Question 13,14). Over 50% of our freshmen were from the Roman Catholic and Jewish faiths; a significantly larger proportion than the national norms (Question 28).

A smaller proportion of our students than of those elsewhere consider themselves middle of the road or conservative in their political orientation. Over two thirds of the freshmen expect their university experience to be a means of developing a philosophy of life of acquiring the knowledge to be an authority in their field, and of enabling them to help others in difficulty. They also have the goal of becoming very well off financially.

In/the area of political beliefs, they hold rather strongly (over 94%) that the government should control pollution, protect the consumer and compel the wealthy to pay more taxes. They agree strongly that UMBC should use the same degree standards for all and that students should help evaluate the faculty (Question 36).

|   | NATION<br>PUBLIC                                   | AL NORM   | S OF<br>SITIES                                     | UMBC   |
|---|--|---|--|--|
|   | 1967   | 1972 <sub>\</sub>                                 | 1973   | 1973   |
| 1. Age 16 or younger 17   | 0.1<br>3.6   | 0.1.  | 0.1  | 0.3<br>7.1                                       |
| 18<br>19<br>20 <b>\</b><br>21   | 81.4<br>12.5<br>. 0.8<br>0.3                       | 79.4<br>14.7<br>0.9<br>0.3                        | 80.4<br>13.9<br>0.7<br>0.2                         | 83.6<br>7.0<br>1.0<br>0.3                        |
| 22<br>23-25<br>26-29<br>30 or older   | 1.3<br>0.0<br>0.0<br>0.0                           | 0.0<br>0.7<br>0.2<br>0.0                          | 0.1<br>0.2<br>0.0<br>0.1                           | 0.1<br>0.4<br>0.1<br>0.1                         |
| 2. <u>ditizenship</u> Native born U.S. citizen  |  | 97.8  | 97.6   | 97.3   |
| Naturalized U.S. citizen Not a U.S. citizen   |  | 1.7   | 1.7<br>1.7   | 2.0<br>.7  |
| 3. Racial Background  | •  |   |  |  |
| Caucasian Black American Indian Oriental Other Mexican-American/Chicano Puerto-Rican American | 93.4<br>1,8<br>.6<br>1.0<br>3.2<br>.0              | 95.3<br>3.2<br>1.3<br>.7<br>1.0<br>.5             | 95.9<br>2.4<br>.9<br>.7<br>.9<br>.4<br>.2          | 82.9<br>16.0<br>.3<br>.5<br>.7<br>.2             |
| 4. Year Graduated from High School 1973   | ·  | \   | 97.2   | 97.2   |
| 1972<br>1971<br>1970 earlier<br>H.S. Equivalency (G.E.D. Test)<br>Never completed high school |  | 96.2,   | 1.7<br>.3<br>.5<br>.1                              | 1.6<br>.3<br>.6<br>.3<br>.0                      |
| 5. Average Grade in High School   |  | . ,   |  |  |
| Λ or A+  A-  B+  B  C+  C   | 7.1<br>13.5<br>21.3<br>24.8<br>14.3<br>11.3<br>7.4 | 9.7<br>15.6<br>24.6<br>26.0<br>12.5<br>7.8<br>3.6 | 11.5<br>15.5<br>26.2<br>25.9<br>11.6<br>5.8<br>3.3 | 6.8<br>9.0<br>25.4<br>30.5<br>13.7<br>9.7<br>3.8 |
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|----|---|-------------------|--------------|------------------|------------|---|
|    |   | 1967              | 1972         | 1973             | 1973       |   |
|    |   |                   | -            |                  | •          |   |
| 6. | Distance from Home to School                |                   | •            | •                | •          |   |
| •  | 5 miles or less                             |                   | 6.2          | 5.0              | 13.6       |   |
|    | 6-10 miles                                  |                   | 7.6          | 6.6              | 21.4       |   |
|    | 11-50 miles                                 |                   | 15.1         | 18.2.            | 57.6       |   |
|    | 51-100 miles \                              |                   | 20.6         | 21.1             | 5.6        |   |
|    | 101-500 es                                  |                   | 43.5         | 43.4             | 1.6        | , |
|    | More than 500 miles                         | .•                | 7.1          | 5.6              | .1         | • |
| -  | washing of Applications                     |                   |              | e <sub>s•</sub>  |            |   |
| 7. | Number of Applications<br>to Other Colleges | <i>i.e.</i>       |              |                  | •          |   |
| -  | None .                                      | 56.0              | 47.8         | 49.5             | 40.1       |   |
|    | One   | 21.2              | 21.0         | 20.6             | 29.7       |   |
|    | Two   | 12.4              | 15.5         | 14.4             | 18.9       | • |
|    | Three                                       | 6.1               | 8.4          | 8.0              | 7.3        |   |
|    | Four  | 2.5               | 4.0          | 4.0              | 2.4        |   |
|    | Five  | 1.1               | 1.8          | 1.9              | 1.0        | ١ |
|    | Six or more                                 | . 8               | 1.5          | 1.6.             | 3          |   |
| •  |   |                   |              | V                | <b>v</b> . | * |
| 3. | Number of College Acceptances               | •                 | *            |                  |            |   |
| •  |   | ·                 | 47 2         | 36.6             | a Ét 🔥     |   |
|    | This college only                           | 50.2<br>28.1      | 41.3<br>28.4 | 16.6<br>22.8     | 35.4       |   |
|    | One other                                   | 14.3              | 17.9         | 24.3             | 34.4       |   |
|    | Two other Three others                      | 5.1               | 7.8          | 17.8             | 6.4        |   |
|    | Four others                                 | 1,.5              | 2.8          | 9.9              | 1.8        | , |
|    | Five others                                 | . 4               | 1.0          | 4.2              | ノニ。        |   |
| •  | More than 5 others                          | .3                | .7           | 4.5              | .2         |   |
|    |   | 21 <del>-</del> 1 | . 1          |                  |            |   |
|    | •   | \                 |              |                  |            |   |

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|-----|---|--------------|------------|-----------|-------------|----------|
| •   | •   |              | UNIVER     |           | UMBC        |          |
|     |   | . 1967       | 1972       | 1973      | 1973        |          |
| ۵   |   |              | •          | ,         |             |          |
| 9.  | Major Influences in   |              | -          | •         | ' <b>"</b>  |          |
|     | Deciding to Attend this College<br>Parents wanted me to come here | 44:0         | 8.3        | 6.8       | 10.3        |          |
|     | Wanted to live away from home                                     | 20.5         |            | ,23.8     | 16.1        |          |
|     | Teacher advised me  | 18.3         |            | 3.8       | 3.7         |          |
|     | Has a good academic reputation                                    | 52.8         | 56.3       |           | 58.2        |          |
|     | Offered financial assistance                                      |              | 12.7       | /         | 15.8        |          |
|     | Advice of someone who attended                                    | / 18.1       | 16.4       | ,         | 15.8        |          |
| •   | Offers special education program                                  | :            |            | 25.4      | 41.5        |          |
| u   | Has low tuition.  | 20.9         |            | 24.8      | 32.1        |          |
|     | Advice of guidance counselor                                      | 3.2          | 3.9        |           | 7.8         | ŧ.       |
|     | Wanted to live at home  |              | 6.3        | 6.3       | 23.7        | , .      |
|     | Could not get a job   |              |            | 1.0       | 3.1         |          |
|     | Social life of the college  | 10.1         | <b></b>    |           | ,           |          |
|     | Other extracurricular activities                                  | 6.1          | <u></u>    |           |             | <u>.</u> |
|     | Athletic program of college                                       | 5.8          | 10.2       |           |             |          |
|     | Grad or coll representative                                       | 11.8         | -          |           | <b></b>     |          |
|     | Most students are like me   | 6.9          | 3.4        | <u></u>   | · 1         |          |
|     | Religous affiliations   | <b>"</b> 1,3 |            |           |             |          |
|     | Not accepted anywhere else  |              | 2.6        | '         |             | ,        |
|     |   | •            |            | •         | •           | /        |
| 0'. | Highest Degree Planned Here                                       | •            | ; · ·      |           |             |          |
| •   | None  | 2,5          |            | 3.3       | 8.6         |          |
|     | Associate (or equivalent)   | 1.7          | /1.9       | 1.8       | 2/1         |          |
|     | Bachelor's (B.S., B.A.)   | 41.3.        | ١.         |           | 74.7        |          |
|     | Master's (M.A., M.S.)   | 32.6         | ` 15.6     |           | 7.8         |          |
|     | PhD., or Ed.D.  | 11.8         | 2.4        | 2.7       | 2.1         |          |
| •   | LL.B., or J.D. (Law)  | 1.9          | •          | 2.1       | .9          |          |
| •   | B.D. or M. Div. (Divinity)  | .2           | .1         | .1        | . 2         |          |
|     | Other M.D., D.O., D.D.S., or D.V.M.                               | 1.2<br>6.8   | 1.1<br>4.5 | .8<br>4.0 | 1.3·<br>2.2 | -        |
| ٦.  | Highest Degree Planned Anywhere,                                  | 0.0          | 4.5        | 7.0       | 2.2         |          |
|     | None  |              | 1.2        | 2.0       | ,2.0        |          |
|     | Associate (or equivalent)   |              | 1.2        | .9        | .3          |          |
|     | Bachelor's (B.A., B.S.)   | •            | 42.4       | 30.6      | 26.8        |          |
| (   | Master's (M.A., M.S.)   |              | 27.5       | 33.0      | 32.1        | /        |
|     | Ph.D. or Ed.D.  |              | 10.1       | 13.2      | 12.6        | ./       |
| -   | M.D., D.O., D.D.S., or DVM  | , ,          | 10.7       | 11.9      | 17.6        |          |
|     | LL.B., or J.D. (Law)  |              | 5.6        | 6.8       | 6.3/        | •        |
|     | B.D. or M.Div. (Divinity)   |              | .2         | .3        | . 4'.       |          |
|     | Other   |              | 1.1        | 1.3       | 1.9.        |          |
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|   |              | IONAL NOF                    |  | UMBC         |
|---|--------------|------------------------------|--|--------------|
|   | 196          | 7 1972                       | 1973   | 1973         |
|   | 100          | 1512                         | +  |              |
| 12. Probable Major Field of Study                 |              |                              | and the same of th | _/           |
| Agriculture (incl: Forestry)                      | 3.3          |                              | 3.6  | • 5          |
| Arts (Fine & Performing)                          | 8.8          |                              |  | 3/3          |
| Biological Sciences                               | 3.8          |                              | 9.7  | 10.5         |
| Business /  | 11.8         |                              | 13.8   | 6.0          |
| *Education  | - 9.3        |                              | 9.9  | 6.9          |
| English   | 3.6          |                              | _ 1.6  | 1.0          |
| Engineering                                       | 11.4         |                              |  | 5            |
| Health Professions                                | 6.5          |                              | 9.8  |              |
| History & Geography                               | 5            | 4.0                          |  | 1.0          |
| Home Economics                                    | · 2-         | 1-2                          | 2.9  | <b>5</b> .   |
| Humanities (other)                                | 4.0          |                              |  | 2.0          |
| Mathematics & Statistics                          | 4.           | 2.5                          | 2.1  | 3.6          |
| Physics & Chemistry                               |              |                              | 2.5  | <b>' 2.7</b> |
| Physical Sciences (other)                         | 3.           | 7. 2.4                       | 1.1  | 1.4          |
| . Psychology                                      | 7.0          | O                            | 3.5  | 6.7          |
| Social Sciences (other)                           | <b>ـــسر</b> | <b>8.2</b> °                 | 5.6  | 6.7          |
| Social Work                                       | ·/           |                              | 1.6  | 2.4          |
| Technical Fields                                  | <b>Y</b> . 1 | 3.9                          | 2.4  | . 9          |
| Other Fields                                      | 4.           | 0 4.3                        | 4.1  | 8.7          |
| Undecided   | 1.           | 7 4.3                        |  | 6.1          |
| Pre-professional                                  | 9.           | 13.3                         | ,0   | · ·          |
| 13. Probable Career Occupation                    |              |                              |  |              |
| Arrist (incl. performer)                          | 6.           | 7 6.9                        | 3.5  | 1.7          |
| Business mgmt.                                    |              |                              | 5.4  | 2.5          |
| Business (other)                                  | \ 9.         | 5 7.7                        | 7/1  | 2.8          |
| Clergy or religious work                          | 1            |                              | .31  | 2.5          |
| Doctor (M.D. or D.D.S.)                           | 5.           |                              | 8.4  | 14.1         |
| Educator (college teacher)                        | \1.          |                              | . 9  | .5           |
| Educator (secondary)                              | 12           |                              |  | -2.7         |
| Educator (elementary)                             | $\sqrt{6}$ . |                              | 3.0  | 2.7          |
| Educator (specialist)                             |              |                              | 3.2  | 2.5          |
| Engineer  | 10.          | 6.5                          |  | 2.2          |
| Farmer or Forester                                | 2.           |                              | 3.6  |              |
| Health profession (non-M.D.)                      | 6.           |                              | 9.7  | . (20.8)     |
| Homemaker   |              | ستاه <u>بوند</u><br>_ سخد کر | /  |              |
| Home Conomist or Dietician                        |              |                              | 1 8  | 3            |
| Lawyer  | 4.           | 5 5.9                        | 6.2  | 5.6          |
| Nurse )   | 3.           | - /                          | 3.6  | 9.8          |
| Research Scientist                                | 4.           | **                           | 4 4  |              |
|   | 7.           |                              | 7  | .6           |
| Service Worker                                    |              |                              | 7  | •5           |
| / Skilled worker<br>Semi-skilled or Unskilled wor | ker          |                              | .2   | .1           |
|   | NCT ===      | -                            | 2.4  | 3.3 /        |
| Social or Welfare Worker                          |              |                              | 1.7  | .8           |
| Technologist                                      | 16.          | 7 18.2                       | 7.5  | 5.8          |
| Other occupation                                  | 10.          |                              | 11.6   | 13.4         |
| Undecided   | T.V.         |                              | .2   | 13.4         |
| Unemployed  | , <b></b>    |                              |  | • 2          |
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| 14. Reasons Checked as Very  Important for Long-term Career Choice Job openings available Rapid advancement High anticipated earnings Respected occupation Independence Chance for steady progress Contribution to society Avoil pressure  | 6<br>4<br>3<br>6<br>4 |
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| Important for Long-term.  Career Choice Job openings available Rapid advancement High anticipated earnings Respected occupation Independence Chance for steady progress Contribution to society  St. 49  31.1 35.0 40.8 47.7 7 40.8 47.7 7 | 4<br>3<br>6<br>4<br>8 |
| Job openings available Rapid advancement High anticipated earnings Respected occupation Independence Chance for steady progress Contribution to society  51.4 49 31.1 35 38.0 40 47 40.8 47 47 7   | 4<br>3<br>6<br>4<br>8 |
| Work with ideas  Be helpful to others  Work with people  49.7 44  60.0 69  75.9 66   | 6<br>1<br>4           |
| Intrinsic interest in field 72.1 76.  15. Credit Hours to be Taken  During Fall Term   |                       |
| 16-18 hrs. 55.5 19 12-15 hrs. 39.4 75 9-11 hrs. 1.7 3 6-8 hrs. 6   | 8 .                   |
| Other campus housing Other  1.8  2   | 1                     |
| 17: Brothers/Sisters Under 21 None One Two Three Four or more  20.2 22 31.0 31 23.5 21 13.5 12   | 5<br><b>2</b><br>5    |
|  | 7                     |



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|-------|---|---------------------------------------|------------|------------------|--------------|
|       | ~   | 1967                                  | 1972       | 1973             | 1973         |
|       |   |                                       |            |                  |              |
| 17B.  | Brothers/Sisters in College .                 |                                       |            | •                |              |
|       | None  |                                       |            | <i>i</i> 56.6    | 65.8         |
|       | One   |                                       |            | 34.3             | 27.2         |
| •     | OWT   |                                       | •          | 7.5              | 5.4          |
|       | Three .                                       |                                       | <b>3</b> . | 1.3              | .9           |
| • .   | Four or more                                  | •                                     |            | • 4              | . 3          |
| 13.   | Father Currently Employed                     |                                       |            |                  | • 1          |
| 10.   | Yes Full-time                                 | •                                     | 92.8       | 93.9             | 93.0         |
|       | Yes, Part-time                                |                                       | 1.2        | 11.1             | .7           |
|       | Not now employed but was in past              | ***                                   | 5.9        | 5.0              | 6.3          |
|       | Not now employed and never was                | ·                                     | • - 4      | + /              | *            |
| 3 O 3 | Hathan Employed Whon you                      |                                       |            |                  |              |
| 18A.  | Father Employed When you Entered High School  |                                       |            |                  |              |
|       | Yes, Full-time                                |                                       | ÷          | 96.9             | 97.1         |
|       | Yes Part-time                                 | :                                     | i          | .8               | . 2          |
|       | No  |                                       |            | 2.3              | 2.7          |
| 7.0   | Walland Channeller Employed                   |                                       |            |                  | •            |
| 19.   | Mother Currently Employed Yes, Full-time      | . \ *                                 | 32.2       | 34.0             | 32.9         |
|       | Yes, Part-time                                | • •                                   | 16.8       |                  | 16.9         |
| •     | Not now employed but was in past              |                                       | 34.8       | 48.5             | 50.3         |
| • •   | Not now employed and never-was                | •                                     | 16.2       | •                |              |
|       | and a second velocity of                      | 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 |            | •                | ٠            |
| 19A.  | Mother Employed When You Entered High School  |                                       |            |                  | ن            |
|       | Yes, Full-time                                |                                       |            | 30.1             | 31.1         |
| • .   | Yes, Part-time                                | *                                     | , 1        | 15.9\            | 17.0         |
| •     | No  |                                       |            | 54.0             | 51.9         |
| 30 /  |   |                                       |            | •                |              |
| 20,   | Total Income Last Year Independent of Parents |                                       |            |                  |              |
|       | None  | •                                     |            | 14.2             | 27.3         |
| 1     | Less than \$500                               | •                                     |            | 30.0             | 29.4         |
| /     | \$500-\$999                                   |                                       | . \        | 27.0             | 19.7         |
|       | \$1000-\$1000,                                |                                       | <u> </u>   | 20.4             | 16.9         |
| . 1   | \$2000-\$2999                                 |                                       |            | 5.6<br>1.9       | ° 3.9<br>1.9 |
|       | \$3000-\$4999<br>\$5000-\$999                 |                                       | •          | .6               | .6           |
| :     | \$10,000 or more                              |                                       |            | .3               | .3           |
| :     |   | . \                                   | •          | ٠                | •            |
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| the state of the s | NATION<br>PUBLIC  | AL NORM<br>UNIVER                                     | S OF<br>SITIES  | UMBC  |   |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | 1967  | 1972  | 1973  | 1973  |   |
| 21. Financially Independent This Year Yes No   |   |   | 11.6  | 0.4<br>89.6   | 0 |
| 21A Financially Independent Last Year Yes No   | •   | · Take  | 6.8<br>93.2   | 9.2<br>90.8   |   |
| 22. Estimated Parental Income  Less than \$3000 \$3000-\$3999 \$4000-\$5999 \$6000-\$7999 \$8000-\$9999 \$10,000-\$12.999 \$12,500-\$14,999 \$15,000-\$19,999 \$20,000-\$24,999 \$25,000-\$29,999 \$35,000-\$34,999 \$35,000-\$39,999 \$40,000-\$49,999  | 3.2<br>7.3<br>11.9<br>13.8<br>24.2<br>10.1<br>4.9<br>2.2<br>4.4 | 3.8<br>5.9<br>8.9<br>16.8                             | 1.2<br>2.6<br>4.2<br>6.6<br>14.2<br>13.9<br>19.1<br>14.2<br>7.5<br>5.2<br>3.0 | 3.0<br>2.5<br>2.9<br>5.5<br>8.6<br>16.5<br>14.2<br>20.1<br>12.9<br>6.0<br>3.3<br>2.0<br>1.1 |   |
| \$50,000 or more  23. Father's Education  Grammar school or less   | 6.6   | 2.1   | 4.2   | 7.6   | • |
| Some High School  High School graduate  Post-secondary other than coll.  Some college  College degree  Some graduate school  Graduate degree   | 12.0<br>28.6<br>21.2<br>20.4<br><br>11.2                        | 9.2<br>27.0<br><br>17.9<br>22.8<br>, 3.5              |   | 16.0<br>27.5<br>3.8<br>16.2<br>16.9<br>2.3<br>9.8   |   |
| Grammar school or less Some high school High school graduate Post secondary other than coll. Some college College degree Some graduate school Graduate degree  | 3.6<br>9.7<br>42.3<br><br>24.1<br>17.3<br><br>3.0               | 2.5<br>7.3<br>42.2<br><br>22.1<br>18.6<br>-2.8<br>4.5 | 2.1<br>6.0<br>38.0<br>8.5<br>18.4<br>19.4<br>2.8                              | 4.1<br>14.6<br>49.9<br>6.2<br>13.1<br>8.1<br>1.1<br>3.0                                     |   |



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|  |                                      | 1967       | 1972       | 1973             | 1973     |      |
| 25.  | Spouse's Education                   | · ——-      | 4          |                  |          |      |
| 23.  | Grammar school or less               | •          |            | 9.2              | 5.0      |      |
| *  | Some high school                     |            |            | 7.1              | 5.0      |      |
|  | High school graduate                 |            | 4          | 32.5             | 50.0     |      |
| _  | Post-secondary other than coll       |            |            | 4.9              | 5.0      |      |
| , ,  | Some college .                       |            |            | 16.1             | 25.0     |      |
| •  | College degree                       | •          | •          | 18.2             | 5.0      |      |
| . •  | Some graduate school                 |            |            | 2.5              | 5.0      |      |
|  | Graduate degree                      |            |            | 9.5              | .0       | •    |
| 263  | Concern About Financing College      |            |            | ς'               |          |      |
|  | No concern                           | 33.7       | . 33.9     | 35.2             | 32.4     |      |
| •  | Some concern ,                       | 58.0       | 51.9       | 49.1             | 47.9     |      |
|  | Major concern                        | 8.4.       | 14.3       | 15.7             | 19.6     |      |
| <b>37</b> 1.   | Support from Part-time or Summer Wor | <u>k</u>   | •          | •                |          |      |
| The same of the sa | None                                 | •          | •          | 22.8             | 31.7.    |      |
| •  | \$1-\$499                            |            |            | 47.7             | 54.2     |      |
|  | \$500-\$999                          |            | <b>*</b> . | 22.0             | 11.8     |      |
|  | \$1000-\$1999                        | •          | •          | 6.5              | 2.1      | ,    |
|  | \$2000-\$4000                        |            |            | .9               | .2       |      |
|  | Over \$000                           | <b>P</b> e |            | .1               | .1       |      |
| 27B.   | Support from Full-time Employment    |            | •          |                  | Va.      |      |
| _  | None                                 |            |            | 91.0             | 92.0     | -    |
| · · · · ·  | \$1-\$499                            |            | · • •      | 3.8              | 4.9      |      |
|  | \$500-\$999                          | •          | رہنید      | 3.0              | 1.9      |      |
|  | \$1000-\$1999                        | <b>*</b>   | V          | 1.6              | .6       |      |
|  | \$2000-\$4000                        | •          | . /        | . 4              | .5 '     |      |
| •  | Over \$4000                          | •          | •          | .2               | .1       |      |
| 220  | Support from Savings                 |            |            |                  | , ·      | .· . |
| 27C.   | Support from Savings None            |            | •          | 39.1             | 51.2     |      |
|  | \$1-\$499                            |            | •          | 39.6             | 39.1     |      |
|  | \$500-\$999                          | •          |            | 12.6             | 5.7      | ζ.   |
| •  | ·\$1000-\$999                        |            |            | 6.2              | 3.1      | `\   |
|  | \$2000-\$4000                        |            |            | 1.9              |          | ٠    |
|  | Over \$000                           | •          |            | • 5 <sup>-</sup> | .5<br>.5 |      |
|  |                                      | ·          |            |                  | , •      |      |

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|        |  | PUBLIC     |         | RSITIES        | **          |
|        |  | 1967       | 1972    | 1973           | 1973        |
| •      |  | •          | •       |                |             |
| 27D.   | Support from Spouse                              |            |         | 98.0           | 97.7        |
| •      | None   | •          | 1 .     | 98.0           | .8          |
|        | \$1+\$499  |            |         | -3             | .5          |
|        | \$5 <b>0</b> 0-999<br>\$1000-\$1000              |            |         | .5             | .1          |
|        | \$2000-\$4000                                    |            |         | .3             | .7          |
|        | Over \$4000                                      | ·<br>11    |         | • 3            | .1          |
| •      | VIET 41000                                       |            |         | • •            |             |
| 27E.   | Support from Parental Family                     |            |         | •              |             |
|        | None   |            |         | 12.3           | 14.1        |
|        | \$1-\$499  | •          |         | . 17, 1        | 30.7        |
|        | \$500-\\$999                                     |            | 0       | 15.0           | 29.2        |
|        | \$1000\f\$1999                                   |            |         | 26.1           | 15.3        |
| . •    | \$2000-\\$4000                                   |            |         | 21.9           | 6.6         |
|        | Over \$\\ 000                                    |            |         | 7.6            | 4.2         |
| 075    | Quantity (Military)                              |            |         |                | •,          |
| 27F.   | Support\from Parent's (Military) Service Benefit |            |         |                | •           |
| ,      | None \   |            |         | 92.6           | 97.6°       |
|        | \$1-\$499  |            |         | 1.8            | 1.3         |
| ٠,     | \$500-\$999                                      |            |         | .8             | . 8         |
| 12     | \$1000-\$1999                                    |            | •       | .8             | . 4         |
|        | \$2000-\$4000                                    | .•         |         | .3             | .0          |
|        | Over \$4000                                      | •          | •       | .1             | .0 /        |
|        | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·            | _          |         | · · · .        |             |
| 27G.   | Support from Parent's (SS Benefit)               | <b>.</b> . |         | 93.7           | 02.7        |
| •      | None   |            |         | 3.0            | 93.7<br>4.5 |
|        | \$1-\$499  | •          |         | 1.7            | 1.1         |
|        | \$500-\$999<br>\$1000-\$1999                     | . •        |         | 1.2            | .4          |
| •      | \$2000-\$1999                                    | , š        |         | .3             | .1          |
| ,      | Over \$4000                                      | •          |         | .1             | .1          |
|        | 8  |            |         |                |             |
| · 27H. | Support from Personal (Military)                 | •          |         |                | •           |
| _ ·    | Service Benefit                                  |            | ing in  |                |             |
|        | None   |            |         | 99.4           | 99.2        |
| •      | \$1-\$499  |            |         | • 1            | .1          |
|        | \$500-\$999                                      |            |         | • 1            | .3          |
| •      | \$1000-\$1999                                    | •          | • •     | . 3            | .3          |
|        | \$2000-\$4000                                    |            |         | <del>_</del> _ |             |
|        | Over \$4000                                      |            | i.      | • ,            | , .0        |

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|       |                                 | NATIONAL NORMS OF<br>PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES |       |       | UMBC             |  |  |
|-------|---------------------------------|--|-------|-------|------------------|--|--|
| •     |                                 | 1967                                     | 1972  | 1973. | 1973             |  |  |
| 27I.  | Scholarships or Grants .        |  | 1     |       |                  |  |  |
|       | None                            |  | •     | 67.7  | 62.8 ·           |  |  |
|       | \$1-\$499                       | •  |       | 16.0  | 18.4             |  |  |
| •     | \$500-\$999                     |  |       | 9.4   | 11.3             |  |  |
|       | \$1000-\$1999                   |  | `     | 5.0   | 6.1              |  |  |
|       | \$2000-\$4000                   |  |       | 1.4   | 1.4              |  |  |
|       | Over \$4000                     |  | :     | • 5   | .0               |  |  |
|       |                                 |  | •.    |       |                  |  |  |
| 27J.  | Federally Ins. or College Loans | •  | •     |       |                  |  |  |
|       | None                            | •  | •     | 84.3. | 88.5             |  |  |
| •     | \$1-\$499                       |  |       | 4.6   | 6.0              |  |  |
|       | \$500-\$999                     |  | ,     | 5.5   | 43.4             |  |  |
| •     | \$1000-\$1999                   | -1                                       |       | 4.8   | 1.5              |  |  |
| ^     | \$2000-\$4000                   | •  |       | 0.6   | 0.4              |  |  |
| \     | Over \$4000                     |  |       | 02    | 0.2              |  |  |
|       |                                 |  | •     |       | •                |  |  |
| 27K.  | Other Repayable Loan            |  | •,    | 93.5  | 95.8             |  |  |
|       | None                            |  | ,     | 2.3   | 2.6              |  |  |
| ,     | \$1-\$499                       |  |       | 1.9   | .4               |  |  |
| /-    | \$500-\$999                     |  |       | 1.7   | 1.0              |  |  |
| 1     | \$1000-\$1999                   |  | •     | .4.   | .0               |  |  |
| •     | \$2000-\$4000                   |  | •     | .2    | 1 -              |  |  |
|       | Over \$4000                     | :  | •     | • 44  | , • <del>-</del> |  |  |
| 27L.  | Other Sources of Support        |  | •     |       | ).               |  |  |
|       | None                            | *o· *                                    | •     | 95.9  | 95.8             |  |  |
|       | \$1-\$499                       | •  |       | 2.1   | 2.0              |  |  |
|       | \$500-\$999                     |  | · / . | • • 9 | .4               |  |  |
| . 6.4 | \$1000-\$1999                   |  | • '1  | • 5   | 1.0              |  |  |
| •     | \$2000-\$4000                   |  |       | .3    | \ •9'            |  |  |
| •     | Over \$4000                     |  |       | .2    | $\mathcal{L}$    |  |  |
|       | `                               |  |       | -     | •                |  |  |

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|     |                                     |                                       | 1967       | 1972   | 1973   | 1973              |            |  |
| 28. | Current Religous Preference         |                                       | <b>©</b>   | :      | n.<br> | •                 | •          |  |
| 20. | Baptist                             |                                       |            | •      | 11.3   | 10.6              | 1          |  |
| •.  | Congregational (U.C.C.)             | •                                     |            | •      | 2.6    | .9                |            |  |
|     | Eastern Orthodox                    |                                       |            |        | .5     | 1.1               |            |  |
| _   | Episcopal                           |                                       |            |        | 4.1    | 3.8               |            |  |
|     | Jewish                              | ,                                     | 5.3        |        | 4.3.   | 12.6              |            |  |
|     | Latter Day Saints (Mormon)          |                                       |            |        | 3      | .0                |            |  |
|     | Lutheran                            |                                       | · .        | ₹.     | 8). 4  | .6.5 <sub>6</sub> |            |  |
|     | Methodist                           |                                       | •          |        | 13 . 7 | _10.8             |            |  |
|     | Muslim<br>Presbyterian              |                                       | ,          | •      | 6.3    | .1<br>`2.5        |            |  |
| •   | Quaker (Society of Friends)         |                                       | <i>i</i> . | ۸      |        | .1                | •          |  |
|     | Roman Catholic                      |                                       | 21.8       |        | 25.9   | 37.4              |            |  |
|     | Seventh Day Adventist               |                                       |            |        |        | .2                |            |  |
| .:  | Unitarian-Universalist              |                                       |            |        | .6     | .3                | <b>`</b> ( |  |
| •   | Other Protestant                    |                                       | 57.6       | , v    | 4.4    | 1.3               |            |  |
|     | Other Religion                      | •                                     | 6.1.       |        | 3.2    | 2.7               |            |  |
|     | None                                |                                       | 9.2        |        | 12.3   | 9.3               |            |  |
|     | •••                                 |                                       | •          | •      | 4.     | •                 |            |  |
| 29. | Veteran<br>No                       | `                                     | :`         | 99.2   | 99.6   | 99.3              |            |  |
|     | Yes, served in Southeast Asia       |                                       | •          | 99.2   | 22.0   | .2                |            |  |
|     | Yes, did not serve in SE Asia       |                                       |            | 4      | - 2    | .5                | •          |  |
|     | resty dra not berve an ob nora      |                                       |            |        | 1.0    | • • • •           |            |  |
| 30. | Political Orientation               |                                       | ,          |        |        | •                 |            |  |
|     | Far left                            | ,                                     |            | 2.3    | 1.8    | 2.3               |            |  |
|     | Liberal                             |                                       | •          | 35.7   | 34.1   | 39.4              | ٠.         |  |
| •   | Middle of the Road                  |                                       | •          | - 46.4 |        | 46.5              |            |  |
| •   | Conservative                        |                                       | •          | 15.1   | 13.7   | -11.4             |            |  |
|     | Far right                           |                                       |            | . 4    | . 4    | . 4               |            |  |
| 21  | Marital Status                      |                                       |            | 1 1    |        | • .               |            |  |
| 31. | Presently married                   |                                       |            | . 8    | .5     | . 4               |            |  |
| •   | Presently married Presently engaged |                                       |            | 1.9    | 1.7    | 2.5               |            |  |
|     | Seeing one person exclusively       |                                       |            | 33.8   | 33.9   | 36.9              | •          |  |
|     | Dating, but no one steadily         |                                       | · .        | 45.9   | 46.6   | 43.9              |            |  |
| •.  | Not dating, in recent months        |                                       |            | 17.7   | 17.4   | 16.2              |            |  |



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|       |  | 196₹  | 1972                                  | 1973             | 1973         | •            |
|       |  |       |                                       |                  | . 0          |              |
| 32.   | How Many Children Now                                      |       | •                                     | 99.4             | 99.2         |              |
| •     | None   | •     | •                                     | .3               | .7           | ė,           |
|       | Three  |       | •                                     | .1               | .0           |              |
|       | Four   |       |                                       | .0               | .0           |              |
|       | 5 or more  | 3     |                                       | .1               | .1           |              |
|       | 2 or more  |       |                                       | • -              | • -          |              |
| 33.   | Total Children Expected                                    |       | •                                     | ,                |              |              |
| 55.   | None   |       |                                       | 15.9             | 16.1         |              |
|       | One  | a     |                                       | 2.7              | 2.7          |              |
|       | Two  |       |                                       | 47.2             | 47.6         |              |
| •     | Three  |       | -                                     | 20.6             | 20.1         |              |
| `     | Four   | •     |                                       | 8.6              | 7.4          |              |
| •     | 5 or more ·  |       | •                                     | 5.0              | 6.2          |              |
| ٠,    |  |       |                                       |                  | •            | -            |
| 34    | Students Estimate Chances are                              |       |                                       |                  |              |              |
|       | Very Good That They Will                                   |       | , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , |                  | :            |              |
|       | Change major field   | 19.1  |                                       | 19.2             | 14.2         |              |
|       | Change career choice                                       |       | 21.6                                  | 18.0             |              |              |
|       | Fail one or more courses                                   | 3.0   |                                       | 2.2              | <u>a</u> 2.7 |              |
|       | Graduate with honors                                       | 4.3   |                                       |                  | 8.2          |              |
|       | Be elected to student office                               | 2.0   | T, 3                                  | 1.6              | 1.2          |              |
|       | Join a social frat or sorority                             | 32,7  | 17.2                                  |                  | 7.6          |              |
| · , , | Live in a coeducational dorm                               | 7     | ,                                     | 31.2             | 18.5<br>2.4  |              |
|       | Live in a commune while in college                         | 2 7'  |                                       | 1.5.<br>* 5.8    | 4.4          |              |
|       | Be elected to an honor society Make at least a 'B' average | . 3.7 | 35.7                                  |                  | 31.6         |              |
|       | Need extra time to complete degree                         | , "   | _                                     | 4.3              | 3.7          |              |
|       | Work at outside job  | -     | 28.5                                  | 2545             | 3.5.7        |              |
|       | Seek vocational counseling                                 |       |                                       | 11.9             | 11.5         |              |
| •     | Seek individual counseling                                 |       |                                       |                  | 6.0          |              |
|       | Enroll in honors courses                                   |       | 5.8<br>9.9                            | 0.6              | 6.6          |              |
|       | Cet a Bachelor's degree                                    |       |                                       | 77.8             | 80.4         |              |
| •     | Drop out temporarily                                       | .9    | 2.1                                   | 1.89             | 2.7          | . •          |
|       | Transfer to another college                                | 7.9   | 10.7                                  | 9.7              | 21.0         | •            |
| _     | Enter armed forces   |       | 1.6                                   | .9               | 1,9          |              |
|       | Be satisfied with college                                  | •     | 60.6                                  | 57 -6            | 44.0         |              |
|       | Be successful after graduation                             | •     | 17.2                                  |                  | 19,2         |              |
| ٠     | Find job in own field after grad                           |       | 49.8                                  | 56.7             | 53.3         |              |
| •     | Get married while in college.                              | 8.9   | 9.0                                   | . 7.7            | 7.2          |              |
|       | Marry within a year after contege                          | 23.6  | 17.3                                  | 18.5             | 16.7         | • 3          |
| -     | Drop out permanently                                       | . 4   | ,8                                    | · *,•9           | 1.2          |              |
|       |  |       |                                       | •                |              |              |



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|      |  | 1967                                  | 1972         | 1973     | 1973    |       |
| 35.  | Objectives Considered to be<br>Essential or Very Important |                                       |              |          |         | •     |
|      | Achieve in a performing art.                               | 11.1                                  | 11.6         | 20.4     | 15.9    |       |
|      | Be an authority in my field                                | 70.2.                                 | 59.9         | 63.4     | 63.9    | • . • |
|      | Obtain recognition from peers                              | 42.4                                  | 35.2         |          |         |       |
|      | Perform or compose music                                   | ~ 7.4                                 |              |          |         |       |
| •    | Be an expert in finance                                    | 11.7                                  | 14.3         | <b>`</b> |         |       |
|      | Be administratively responsible                            | 24.6                                  | 21.0         | 24.1     | 28.2    |       |
|      | Be very well off financially                               |                                       | 37.6         |          | 61.9    |       |
|      | Help others in difficulty                                  |                                       | 65.2         | 61.5     | 68.3    |       |
|      | Join the peace corps or Vista                              | 18.1                                  | 15 <b>.9</b> |          | •       |       |
|      | Become an outstanding athlete                              | 11.1                                  | : •          | •        |         |       |
| ·    | Become a community leader                                  | · ·                                   | 14.5         | 30.4     | 27:2    |       |
|      | Contribute to scientific theory                            | 14.1                                  |              |          | •       |       |
|      | Write original works                                       | 14.8                                  |              |          |         |       |
|      | Not be obligated to people                                 | 24.4                                  |              |          |         | •     |
| •    | Create works of art  | . 15.8                                | 19.2         |          | } .     |       |
|      | Keep up with political affairs                             | 55.3                                  | 54.1         |          | 1       |       |
| 1    | Succeed in my own business                                 | 48.8                                  | 43.3         |          | 39.4    |       |
|      | Develop a philosophy of life                               | 85.9                                  |              | 7.13     | 66.7    |       |
| ~    | Participate in community action                            | •                                     | 29.3         | ,        |         | *•    |
|      | Mar. within next 5 years                                   | * *                                   | 28.8         | 15.0     | 74 77 \ | -     |
| 8 '' | Influence polt. structure                                  |                                       |              | 15.0     | 14.7    |       |
|      | Raise a family   | • •                                   | 29.7         |          | 31.1    | . /   |
| A    | Have an active social life                                 | . •                                   | •            | 51.7     | 53.9    |       |
| •    | Have friends different from NE                             | • 1                                   | 65.5<br>46.9 | 33.6     | 28.2    | . •   |
|      | Help clean up environment                                  |                                       |              | 46.1     |         |       |
|      | Keep up with political affairs                             | • .                                   |              | 40.1     | 36.0    | •     |

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|                                    | 1967   | 1972   | 1973  | 1973         | • |
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|                                    | •  |        | •     |              |   |
| Agree Strongly or Somewhat         |  | • :-   | ,     |              |   |
| Gov't not controlling pollution    | 1  | 91.3   | 8849  | 91.2         |   |
| Gov't not protecting consumer      | :  | 76.4   | 76.8  | 84.6         |   |
| Gov't not desegregating quickly    | ;  | 47.5   | 45.6  | 44.5         |   |
| Toomany rights for criminals       |  | 48.3   | 48.5  | 51 <b>.7</b> |   |
| People should be paid equally      |  | 19.2   | 21.9  | 28.7         |   |
| Women's activities best in home    | 52.7   | 30.3   | 25.0  | 24.7         |   |
| Wealthy should pay more taxes.     | • •  | . 72.2 |       | 77.1         | • |
| Marijuana should be legalized      | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·  | 50.7   | 50.0  | 55,4         |   |
| Discourage large families          | 46.4   | 76.2   | 72.3  | 66.8         |   |
| Women should get job equality      | ##**   | /93.3  | 93.7  | 94.9         | • |
| Can do little to change society    | 31.8   | 41.5   | 39.9/ | 45.7         |   |
| Col.regulate students off campus   |  | .8.5   | 8.6   | 7.3          |   |
| Benefit of college is monetary     | 53.1   | 52.6   | 49.0  | 57.5         |   |
| Students help evaluate fauclty     |  | 80.1   |       | 76.5         |   |
| Abolish college grades             | والمراجعة المراجعة ا | 40.6   |       | 37.3         |   |
| De-emphasize organized sports      | 19.5   | 27.2   |       | 24.1         |   |
| Regulate student publications      | 47.9   | 24.4   |       | 26.7         |   |
| College has right to ban speaker   | 36.0   | 20.8   | 18.0  | 21.0         |   |
| Prefer treatment for disadvantages | 39.7   |        |       | 35.1         |   |
| Col.too lax on student protests    | 44.8   |        | 31.3  | 32.8         |   |
| Adopt open admissions at public.co | 1,   |        | 22.5  | 31.4         |   |
| Use same degree standard for all   | ·.   | 79.1   | 77.4  | 78.4         |   |